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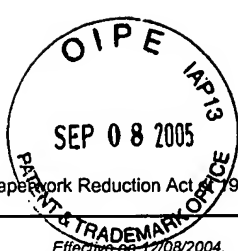
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| ATSUTERU OIKAWA ET AL.            | ) |                             |
|                                   | : | Group Art Unit: 3651        |
| Application No.: 10/784,954       | ) |                             |
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| Filed: February 25, 2004          | ) |                             |
|                                   | : |                             |
| For: SHEET DISCHARGING APPARATUS, | ) | September 8, 2005           |
| AND SHEET TREATING APPARATUS      | : |                             |
| AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS       | ) |                             |
| USING THE SHEET DISCHARGING       | : |                             |
| APPARATUS                         | ) |                             |

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|  |  | Application Number       | 10/784,954             |
|  |  | Filing Date              | February 25, 2004      |
|  |  | First Named Inventor     | ATSUTERU OIKAWA ET AL. |
|  |  | Examiner Name            | Patrick H. Mackey      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27  |  | Art Unit                 | 3651                   |
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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |

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| Fee Description   | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360      | 180                   |

| Total Claims   | Extra Claims   | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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